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Mr. Edward Mow Fung and the Relatives
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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, APRIL 25TH, 1914.

THE Saturday half-holiday is so well established now throughout the British Empire that the younger generation would probably be surprised to learn that it was not ever thus. A letter we publish in another column to-day is a reminder that it is only fifty years ago that the protracted agitation by the Early Closing Association met with a substantial measure of success. For twenty years previous to 1864 the Association had been working for this boon, which was at last gained in London not by any legislative action but by the steady development of a public opinion favourable to the principle of the early closing of business on Saturday afternoon. In an interesting review of the history of the movement which the Secretary of the Early Closing Association has contributed to one of the leading London newspapers we are reminded that in the old days, before the introduction of artificial light of real power—gas, for instance—master and servant had a fairly easy method for settling the length of the day's work. A twelve-hour day was more or less the rule, with intervals amounting to a couple of hours for meals and rest. The coming of gas slowly but surely affected the position, until seventy years ago, when the Early Closing Association came into being, the position had become intolerable. In the cities and towns

of the kingdom the twelve-hour day had become first thirteen, then fourteen, and, by slow degrees, more still—until the only limit to the hours of the worker was his or her physical capacity to proceed. Saturday was the same as Monday, or any other day of the week, and in many cases Sunday itself was taken from the worker by the worst employers. Shops were kept open as long as customers made their appearance. In 1825 a petition was presented by certain employees of a City house, in the linen drapery line, praying that the hours of closing the shop might be ten o'clock in summer and nine o'clock in winter! But it was not until 1833 that the matter began to attract public attention and sympathy. The complaints and protests of young men and women, and the very obvious strain on their health, aroused compassion, and a series of meetings was held at Exeter Hall. A Metropolitan Early Closing Association was formed and carried on an educational propaganda. Slowly but surely the work of the Association began to bear fruit; the working Saturday began to be shortened by many large employers of labour, and by 1847 the Saturday half-holiday movement began to be pushed with vigour. In 1858 the Manchester and other wholesale houses were still closing at three o'clock, four o'clock, and five o'clock, and during this year 1,100 merchants memorialised the directors of the Bank of England and the banks generally in favour of the two o'clock Saturday closing. The time of closing was then four o'clock. But the reply from the Bank of England was discouraging. The Governor wrote that the Bank, "though at all times disposed to assist in promoting the wishes of the public where they are generally and decidedly expressed, is not in the habit of itself taking the initiative in such movements." Still the movement was extending, and several establishments were giving a half-holiday on alternate Saturdays to many of their men. The opinion that a half-holiday did not make "Jack a dull boy" was gaining ground. Sermons were preached, and the Press generally took the matter up. Her late Majesty QUEEN VICTORIA and the PRINCE CONSORT took interest in the Association's doings, and wrote: "The Queen and Prince cannot but take an interest in the exertion of this Association to obtain an earlier closing of shops, as such a practice, if generally followed, could not fail to be beneficial both to the persons employed in trade, who would thus obtain some time for mutual improvement and the recreation they so much require, and also to their customers, particularly females, who would probably be thus inclined to spend at home the time now employed in traversing the streets to make late purchases." In 1860 the City banks adopted the three o'clock closing hour, and the same year the large wholesale drapery houses advanced the closing time from three o'clock to two o'clock. The year, however, found the retail drapery houses of the West End still without the earlier closing, and an important meeting was held in St. James's Hall on June 6. Lord ELMORE was in the chair, and the importance of the movement from the point of view of the Volunteers was urged. This association of the Volunteer movement with the Saturday Half-Holiday project gave a tremendous flip to the agitation and finally secured its triumph. In 1860 Punch lent his unique influence to the movement by saying: "Every 'bargain' which is bought after two o'clock on Saturdays deprives a rifleman, or would-be one, of practice at his drill, and diminishes thereby the defences of the country." Thus by 1860 the efforts of the Association had secured two o'clock and three o'clock closing in the City and four o'clock closing in the West End. The next few years were marked by tremendous activity. One by one the firms fell into line, and one by one principals in the City and the West End realised the importance of the movement. The old idea that the employee would use his time questionably, and that the employee would lose by the concession, became exploded. By 1864 the victory may be said to have been completely won. It is true that the two o'clock closing hour desired was not universally adopted. But this principle was won throughout the metropolis. And gradually it came to be accepted all over the country and later in the Colonies of the Empire. There is no need to dwell upon the great advantages which have accrued to the nation. As the Secretary of the Early Closing Association has pointed out in his review of the movement: "It has meant the Volunteers—and now the Territorials—that possibly first and foremost. It has meant an improved physique for the people; and, since the victory, swimming, boating, athletic, cricket, football, and

tennis clubs have been made possible. Before, these were pleasures denied to the people, and could only be indulged in by the well-to-do." The work of the Association did not finish, however, when the Saturday Half-Holiday was won. It has obtained earlier closing on other days of the week; it was at the back of the EARL OF SHARRSHURST in his campaign which resulted in the Factory Acts promoted for the relief of over-worked dressmakers; it urged and secured the earlier payment of wages; and rendered assistance to Sir JOHN LUNNOK (Lord AVEBUR) in passing the Bank Holidays Act. To-day the Association has in operation a holiday share-out and provident society, and it is working now in the direction of urging employers to keep abreast of the times, and by concession and conciliation—which it believes to be in the interest as much of the employer as of the employed—to arrest movements in the ranks of labour which have as their result strikes, lock-outs, and upheavals of dire import to the trade and commerce of a great country. When all this is remembered there should be little doubt of the success of the appeal which the Association is now making, and the appeal is one which should evoke response in the Colonies of the Empire as well as in the Motherland, if only as a tribute of recognition by Colonial communities of their debt of gratitude to the efforts of an Association whose influence has been felt in every corner of the Empire.

The half-yearly meeting of members of the Hongkong Jockey Club takes place at 12.30 to-day.

A Subscription Dance takes place at the Peak Club to-night. An advertisement concerning the Dance appears on page 4.

A silver wrist watch, valued at \$20, was stolen from the bedroom of Mrs. George, at No. 5, Minden Villas, Kowloon, on Wednesday.

Paymaster E. C. Blanchflower, who was stationed in Hongkong a few years ago as Secretary to Commodore Stokes, has just been appointed to H.M.S. *Colleen*, as Secretary to Vice-Admiral Stokes.

The Boys' Own Club sports will be held at Happy Valley this afternoon. An attractive programme of 19 events has been prepared by the Hon. Secretary (Mr. A. R. Ellis), and everything augurs well for a successful meeting.

Mr. W. Grigor Taylor, for many years general manager of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company at Singapore, recently arrived in England from New York, and is in a nursing home in London under treatment for a sore throat. An operation has been performed.

For being in unlawful possession of 32 official doses of poison, being 20 in excess, without the written permission of the Principal Civil Medical Officer, a Chinese who was arrested in the West Point district was fined \$500, or six months, at the Magistracy yesterday.

A Chinese was observed climbing up some scaffolding erected at No. 56, Stanley Street, and an alarm was raised. The man quickly made his way down, but on reaching terra-firma he was embraced by the waiting arms of a lunko, who took him into custody. At the Magistracy yesterday he was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour and four hours' stocks as a rogue and vagabond.

We learn that the profits of the performances of "Betty," recently produced at the Theatre under the management of Colonel O'Hara, amount to about \$500, so that the four local institutions among whom it was announced the profits would be distributed—The Garrison Ladies' Help Society, the Hongkong Benevolent Society, the Soldiers' & Sailors' Home, and the European Y.M.C.A.—will receive about \$140 each.

The *Manila Times* of Sunday last says: "The Bandmanns played 'The Girl on the Film' before a packed house last night at the Grand. That is, the house was packed at the beginning of the performance. At the end of the second act, however, many decided that home or other places offered better attractions. 'The Girl on the Film' was billed as a musical comedy. It was not a comedy, it was a sad, sad tragedy."

The Bishop of Victoria has returned from Swallow. Many others besides members of the Anglican Church attended the Communion service he conducted in the English Church last Sunday. On Monday he addressed the theological students of the English Presbyterian Mission. The Bishop's engagements for to-morrow (Sunday) are:—8.5 a.m., Celebrate the Holy Communion at the Cathedral; 11 a.m., preach at St. Peter's Church; 5.45 p.m., preach at the Cathedral.

The important announcement is made, says a Tientsin contemporary, that the Belgian Consulate-General in Tientsin has ceased to administer the affairs of the Belgian Concession. In future the administration of this area will devolve on a Provisional Council composed of the Belgian Consul-General, Chairman, M. H. Disiere, representative of the Compagnie Generale de Chemins de Fer et de Tramways en Chine, M. R. De Vos, general agent of the Societe Belge de Chemins de Fer en Chine, M. T. Fize, A. Marechal, manager of the Compagnie de Tramways et d'Eclairage Electrique de Tientsin, as members and M. Verhaest as Secretary.

Mr. Alexander Young and Mrs. Young of Cavite have left for Scotland. Mr. Young has spent 48 years in the East. Prior to going to Manila to take charge of El Varadero de Cavite he was for twenty-five years with the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. Upon the retirement of Mr. Young last December, he was succeeded as manager of the Cavite establishment by Mr. Charles H. W. Aitken, who for fourteen years had been superintendent of El Varadero de Manila. Mr. Aitken was also an old "China Coaster," having served his apprenticeship with the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, with which concern he gained much valuable experience as an engineer on various coastwise vessels, and arrived in Manila in 1800.

MORE TIGER STORIES.

THE ADVENTURES OF THREE POLICEMEN.

An amusing story which has the additional merit of being true is being told of a startling contretemps which befel three well-known members of the European police force, while they were actually aiming their rifles at a tiger. From a report made to the police, it would seem that a tiger has visited the premises of No. 9, Macdonnell Road, occupied by Mr. Gomez, regularly for the past fortnight at about 10.30 p.m., and Sgt. Wilson and Constables Phillips and Lane (all three excellent and experienced shots) decided to station themselves on the spot. Accordingly, on Thursday night, at about 9.30, they ensconced themselves on a verandah of the servants' quarters at the back of the house, with suitable rifles fully loaded. They watched and listened patiently for a sign of the tiger's advent, and—who knows?—probably whiled away the time in spinning "tiger-hunting" yarns. Two hours passed, and then, as they were becoming disgusted at the unpunctuality of "Stripes," a rustling of the bushes some 50 yards away put them on the alert. It was extremely dark, and for a while they could distinguish nothing. Their pulses beat a little more quickly as they observed the shadow of the tiger, which had a very long tail, appear on the edge of a small clearing at a distance of about 40 yards. Visions of immortality, admiration, and hero-worship, and—it seems a trifle prosaic to mention it—Mr. Ho Tung's reward doubtless floated before their eyes, and then the rifles were cocked. They waited till they could get a chance at a "fatal" shot, but the tiger did not appear to be unduly anxious to oblige. Suddenly, the verandah railings, strained beyond endurance by the pressure from the eager "scalp-hunters," collapsed with a noise loud enough to frighten the most indifferent tiger, and nearly precipitated the police to the ground below. They recovered their equilibrium, however, if not their equanimity—but the noise caused by this heart-breaking accident, and that of a number of Chinese in an adjoining house, had scared the big cat, which bounded away into the bushes and made off before the police could regain their balance or their nerve. It would be kind to draw a veil over the remainder of this very real tragedy.

THE TIGER SEEN AGAIN.
Yesterday just before noon the tiger was seen by Mr. Haigh, one of the Peak Tramway brakemen. He was walking along Harlech Road with a dog and when close to the first seat on the road he picked up a stone and threw it down the hill-side. The dog jumped after it, but almost immediately checked itself and came back thoroughly scared. Looking down to see what had frightened the dog, Haigh saw the tiger in the grass. Seeing that it was observed, the tiger went off down the valley and on reaching the little bridge reascended the hillside making towards High West. Haigh happened to have a pair of field glasses with him and by their aid watched the tiger for some time.

The following advertisement appears in the first cheap issue of the *Times*:—"A good cook is offered a magnificent view from kitchen window of main thoroughfare with constant arrests, small accidents, ambulance calls, and other interesting incidents at all hours of day and evening."

TELEGRAMS. TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MEXICAN CRISIS.
MOVEMENTS OF AMERICAN
TROOPS.

GALVESTON, April 24th.

A brigade of infantry, acting with some artillery, have been ordered to Vera Cruz.

WASHINGTON, April 24th.

Three regiments of infantry and artillery have been ordered for service on the Mexican border.

Mr. Garrison, Secretary of State for War, says that the reinforcement of the border forces and an embargo on the importation of arms have been ordered to relieve the apprehension of the border inhabitants.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy, United States Charge d'Affaires at Mexico City, has received passports.

SURPRISE FOR A MEXICAN
GUNBOAT.

VERA CRUZ, April 24th.

The Mexican gunboat, *Progreso*, with 500 soldiers aboard, came into port. They were unaware that the Americans were in possession of the city and were allowed to depart out to sea.

The steamer *Tehuantepec*, with thirty soldiers guarding 250 prisoners aboard, has arrived and has been detained.

CARRANZA'S STARTLING
REQUEST.

WASHINGTON, April 24th.

Mr. Bryan has delivered to President Wilson a statement which has been received from General Carranza. It is a long document, and dwells on the Mexican people not recognising the usurper Huerta. It says that the United States' invasion would involve an unequal war, and consequently he invites President Wilson to suspend hostilities, to evacuate Vera Cruz, and formulate his demands to the Constitutionalist Government.

President Wilson replied to the statement, reiterating with the greatest earnestness that his action was solely against Huerta.

General Carranza's statement has perturbed White House, and it is admitted that it entirely alters the situation.

President Wilson, in a statement yesterday, said that as far as his authority was concerned the United States was not in a state of war with Mexico.

The operations at present were confined to holding Vera Cruz and outskirts. No blockade had occurred, but the foreign Governments would be notified in advance if there is to be. The United States had handed over the archives of the Embassy at Mexico City to the Brazilian Legation.

The British and other foreign residents in Mexico are leaving the country rapidly.

Rear-Admiral Doyle, commanding the Pacific Fleet, has been ordered to sail in his flagship to Mazatlan, to take charge of the American Fleet assembling there.

AMERICAN CASUALTIES AT VERA
CRUZ.

Official news states that 12 Americans were killed and 50 wounded at Vera Cruz.

PROTECTING THE RAILWAY.

NEW YORK, April 24th.

The American Naval force occupied breastworks three miles inland from Vera Cruz, on the railroad to Mexico City.

MOVEMENTS OF THE FORCES TO
ULSTER.

LONDON, April 24th.

THE PREMIER'S EXPLANATION IN THE COMMONS.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain will move a resolution asking for an impartial enquiry into the Army movements in Ulster. Mr. Asquith has granted Tuesday and Wednesday for discussion of the motion.

The Premier explained that the movement of the Battle Squadron from Arosa Bay to Lamlash was not connected with the precautionary measures taken against Ulster. He discussed the position with Mr. Churchill on the 21st March, and suggested to Mr. Churchill that in view of the excitement in the country the movement of the Squadron should be delayed.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BRITISH ROYAL VISIT TO FRANCE.
WHOLE-HEARTED ENTHUSIASM OF THE
POPULACE.

PARIS, April 24th.

Their Majesties King George and Queen Mary attended a special race meeting at Auteuil in the afternoon. Brilliant sunshine prevailed, and whole-hearted enthusiasm was shown by the crowds over the entire route. Their Majesties received a tremendous ovation on the course.

There will be a great farewell banquet to-night at the Quai D'Orsay.

The King specially sent for the winners of the officers' races, and personally congratulated them. The return to Paris was made amid renewed enthusiasm.

FOREIGN MINISTERS' IDENTITY OF VIEWS.
Sir Edward Grey and M. Doumergue have issued a statement regarding their conversations. They state that various questions interesting to the two countries had been considered, and an identity of view on all points had been established.

Taking note of the results of the policy pursued in association with Russia, the British Foreign Minister and the French Foreign Minister are completely agreed as to the necessity for the three Powers continuing their constant efforts to maintain the balance of power and peace.

PRESS OPINIONS.

LONDON, April 24th.

The Press consider that the brilliant success of the visit of Their Majesties to Paris besides emphasising the reciprocal affection of the two nations, also gives a new vigour to the *entente cordiale* from an international standpoint, without alarming the susceptibilities of other nations. Even the *Daily News*, which previously was inclined to suspect an attempt to establish an Alliance, expresses the opinion that the visit was a perfect success in strengthening the common sympathies, without encouraging the dreamers of an Alliance.

The *Koelnische Zeitung* states that it finds nothing in the speeches in Paris inconsistent with the *entente* of Great Britain, for which Germany was steadily working.

YUAN SHIH-KAI'S SONS VISIT
LONDON.

LONDON, April 24th.

The three sons of Yuan Shih-kai have arrived in London from Cheltenham, and have visited the Chinese Legation.

THE PURCHASE OF THE CHINA
MERCHANTS' S. N. COMPANY.

QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

LONDON, April 24th.

In the House of Commons Mr. F. D. Acland, Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Foreign Office, in reply to a question by Sir J. D. Rees, said that he had no reason to believe that the Banque Industrielle de Chine was interested in the purchase of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company.

Sir J. D. Rees asked whether the Government was prepared to acquiesce in the interposition by other nationalities in the affairs of the Company.

Mr. Acland said that he was unable to say more than that the affairs of the Company were under consideration.

THE BRITISH BUDGET.

LONDON, April 24th.

Mr. Lloyd George will introduce the Budget on Thursday.

LONDON'S LABOUR MOVEMENT.

LONDON, April 24th.

At a conference of the delegates of the railwaymen, miners and transport workers of London, a committee was appointed to draft a working agreement for the three bodies.

POLO TESTS IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, April 24th.

The *Daily Telegraph* is informed that the English team for the polo tests at Meadowbrook will be composed of the following:—Captain Barrett, Major Mathew Lannowe, Captain Lockett, and Major Hunter. Reserve, Captain Tomkinson.

TELEGRAMS. TELEGRAMS.

[“DER OSTASIATISCHER LLOYD”
SERVICE.]

CHINA SERVICE.

THE SECOND LOAN.

SALT GABELLE SATISFACTORY SECURITY.

PEKING, April 24th.

The Inspector-General of the Salt Gabelle, Sir Richard Dane, computes the prospective receipts from the Gabelle for 1914 at \$40,000,000 at the lowest figure, which circumstance the representatives of the Quintuple Bank Syndicate declare to be sufficient guarantee for the proposed second loan.

THE NEW MINISTER OF FINANCE.

PEKING, April 24th.

The *Peking Gazette*, which has close relations with the Banks, comments unfavourably on the mooted appointment of Chang Cheng Fang as Minister of Finance.

THE MINISTER OF THE NAVY.

PEKING, April 24th.

The arrival of the Minister of the Navy, Lu Kuang Hsiung, is expected to-day on board the cruiser *Haigang*.

LIANG SHI YI.

PEKING, April 24th.

Liang Shi Yi is unwilling to accept appointment as Minister of Communications under the Premiership of Hsu Shi Chang.

EUROPEAN SERVICE.

THE AMERICAN OCCUPATION OF VERA CRUZ.

LONDON, April 23rd.

Vera Cruz has been completely in the hands of the Americans since Wednesday, the fire of the men-of-war having destroyed the parts of the town near the harbour. Resistance was offered by a small band of civilians only, the Mexican troops having left the town. The General fled. The losses of the Mexicans are considerable.

Huerta maintains order in the capital. The German and English colonies sent their women and children to Vera Cruz in a protected train, where the German steamer *Ypiranga* has been forced to leave by the Americans with the cargo not discharged.

Opinion in the United States against President Wilson and a way is critical.

THE ARREST OF A STEAMER AT VERA CRUZ.

BERLIN, April 23rd.

The Mexican Ambassador at Washington has demanded a publication in the papers to the effect that the United States releases the steamer *Ypiranga* and returns the cargo of arms to the owners in Germany.

GERMANY AND MEXICO.

BERLIN, April 23rd.

For the protection of German interests in Mexico, the cruiser *Nürnberg* remains on the west coast and the cruiser *Dresden* on the East coast. The cruiser *Karlsruhe* will relieve the *Dresden*, after the completion of her steaming trials. Further sending of war vessels is not intended.

ANTI-AMERICAN DEMONSTRATIONS IN MEXICAN CAPITAL.

BERLIN, April 23rd.

The greatest excitement prevails in the City of Mexico. Animated demonstrations against the Americans are taking place and the business places are closed. A proclamation to the people exhorts them to be calm and to respect the foreigners.

L'ENTENTE CORDIALE.

LONDON, April 23rd.

The British Royal visit to Paris meets with enthusiasm, but its non-political character is being emphasised. President Poincaré said in proposing his toast that the Entente formed a secure balance of power. This hint was not taken by H.M. King George, who emphasized in his reply the peaceful character of the Entente.

THE MONTENEGRO BOUNDARIES.

BERLIN, April 23rd.

The Montenegrins have not transgressed the frontier districts, which have been assigned to them; hence no reason has arisen for counter measures.

[“DER OSTASIATISCHER LLOYD”
SERVICE.]

THE TRIPLE ENTENTE.

BRUSSELS, April 23rd.

The *Nouvelles Vremya* affirms that Russia's proposal for the changing of the Entente into an Alliance had been coolly received in London. The Russian Foreign Diplomats are especially surprised, since M. Delcassé had advised them that a proposal to the above effect would meet with sympathetic reception in London.

The Official Bureau at St. Petersburg says Russia never had broached the question of changing the Triple Entente into an Alliance. The statements of the *Nouvelles Vremya*, therefore, were inaccurate.

The *Cologne Gazette*, commenting upon the discussions in the French, English and Russian Press, says that one need not feel surprised at the cool refusal of the English Press to entertain the idea of an Alliance. England's first and foremost principle had always been to reserve to herself great freedom of action, and should England for once neglect to follow out this principle, Germany would be content. But it must be considered that such a change could not remain without influence on Anglo-German relations. Germany, says the *Cologne Gazette*, had for a long time followed the policy of a *détente*, which had been understood in England. In respect of the wish for a *détente*, Germany had met England a long way in certain questions, in the conviction that England had also a sincere wish for a *détente*. This conviction would receive a shock if England should enter into an Alliance which is directed against Germany.

THE KING OF SWEDEN.

BERLIN, April 23rd.

H.M. the King of Sweden has left the Hospital.

THE EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA.

BERLIN, April 23rd.

H.M. the Emperor Franz Josef is now considered to be out of danger.

THE OUTBREAK OF RABIES.

The police in the Central district sent five dogs to the pound yesterday. One, taken in Wellington Street, was destroyed. Four dogs from Wanchai and one from Nathan Road were impounded. A carcass of another animal in Nathan Road was destroyed, and 15 dogs were destroyed at the Dogs' Home. The police are adopting is that many dogs and dogs in bad condition are kept for a night and destroyed the next morning, but clean-skin European dogs are kept a reasonable time to allow their owners to claim them.

“THE IDOL'S EYE”

DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS OF THE PERFORMANCES.

The profits from the performances of Lieut. Crose's musical play “The Idol's Eye,” has been distributed as follows:—
Helen May Institute \$400.00
Diocesan Girls' School 350.00
Garrison Ladies' Help Society 250.00
Alice Memorial Hospital 100.00
Asile de la Sainte Enfance 100.00
Garrison Children's Play Ground 50.00
Fund 50.00
U.S.R.C. (by previous arrangement) 650.00
Total \$1,900.00

A small sum still remains, which will be disposed of later.

ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the hospitals:—
Hongkong Electric Company \$250
Ho Tung 50
Greaves Cotton & Co. 10
R. O. Faithfull 5

EMBEZZLEMENT BY SIAMESE BANK MANAGER.

HEAVY SENTENCES.

Nai Chalongs, Manager of the Siam Commercial Bank, Bangkok, and principal director of the Chino-Siam Bank, was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment, and fined Tls. 1,000 for the embezzlement of over a million ticals.

The Manager of the Chino-Siam Bank, a brother of Nai Chalongs, was sentenced to two-thirds of the above penalty, as an accessory.

THE PAPER CURRENCY OF KWANGTUNG.

CONFERENCE AT TUDOR'S YAMEN.

Our Canton Correspondent writes:—In view of the continuous decline in the value of the paper currency (which was a few days ago quoted at as low a rate as 42 per cent. its face value), Tuih Lung convened a conference at his Yamen a couple of days ago “to devise means of improving its condition.” Amongst the officials present were Civil Administrator Li, the Commissioner of Finance, and Mr. Li Sun Ling.

Tuih Lung addressed the gathering, and in the course of his remarks said that the Government was now busy planning for the establishment of the Provincial Banks as a means of maintaining the value of the paper currency; but dishonest merchants had taken advantage of the opportunity to speculate, with the result that the value of currency notes had dropped several times daily. Great alarm was caused in the money market and if immediate steps were not taken to remedy the situation, danger was imminent.

After some discussion, the following decisions were arrived at:—

(1)—To immediately wire the Kowloon and the Board of Finance to close for a loan of \$10,000,000 with the Deutsch-Asiatische Bank and remit same to Kwangtung without delay; the amount to be utilized as the capital of the Bank.

(2)—To request the Board of Finance to issue Government Bonds to the value of \$10,000,000 and forward them to Canton within five months. These will be used for the redemption of the provincial currency notes.

(3)—To cable Mr. Wong King-fong to come at once to Canton, so that the Provincial Bank and the local branch of the National Bank of China may be established at the same time.

(4)—To put into force, on the 1st day of May, the proposal to collect a fixed percentage of all house and shop rents to be applied towards the Bank's capital and the levying of the supplementary taxes.

(5)—That, in order to reassure the public, a proclamation be issued notifying that the Bank will be opened on 1st June.

(6)—To increase the detective staff and to instruct them to arrest speculators, whose existence is evidenced by the violent fluctuations of the currency notes; so that they may be severely punished.

The following telegram has been received from Mr. Wong King-fong (Director of the Provincial Bank, which is in course of establishment) in reply to the Civil Administrator's wire:—

“Upon receipt of your telegram stating that the discount on paper currency is becoming steadily greater and that the province is in a dangerous state, I at once called at the Board of Finance and personally conveyed your remarks, and the Board has promised to hand over to me the requisite amount of notes issued by the Central Government as soon as possible, and I expect to reach Canton on or before the 5th proximo. The loan negotiations with the Deutsch-Asiatische Bank have dropped, and the Board has decided to negotiate with another group. I will take these matters up when in Canton and will advise you by wire of the date of my departure.”

CONSTABLE FINED FOR NEGLECTING DUTY.

At the Magistracy yesterday P.C. Goodwin (147) was charged with neglecting his duty. The Deputy-Captain-Superintendent of Police (Mr. T. H. King) prosecuted, and said he thought the constable did it purposely, in order to get out of the service.

Defendant pleaded guilty and Mr. Dennis, who appeared to defend, said he had nothing to say in extenuation, but there was a special circumstance which he would like to put before his Worship. Defendant had only been in the police force about a year and on the day in question had been to a party and had apparently had a “drop too much.” Of course, he knew that was no excuse but he would ask the Magistrate to deal leniently with him on that account.

Mr. King said these men came out from Home to join the force and on arriving here they found a better job or other inducement which led them to want to leave the force and instead of paying three months' money they preferred to be reported a few times and be dismissed with a small fine as might be the case in that instance. Defendant had been dealt with departmentally on previous occasions.

Defendant was fined \$100.

ALLEGED OVERCROWDING OF STAR FERRY.

MISTAKEN COUNT BY THE POLICE.

At the Marine Court yesterday, before Comm. Basil Taylor, Leung Su, master of the *Southern Star*, was charged by P.O. Peplow with carrying 16 passengers in excess of the number allowed, at 7.30 p.m. on the 13th inst.

Mr. H. W. Looker defended, and pleaded not guilty on behalf of his client. P.O. Peplow said that in company with a Chinese detective sergeant he went to the Star Ferry wharf on the Hongkong side to count the passengers on board the *Southern Star*. There were 203 Chinese in the third class, and 121 first class passengers. The licence allowed 320 all told, including a crew of twelve, so that there was an excess of 16.

Mr. Looker—Why did you count the passengers on this particular occasion?—I was sent there.

Did you count all these passengers yourself?—No, I only counted the first class passengers; the Chinese detective counted the others.

Answering a further question, witness said that no-one was on the wharf at the time, with the exception of the ticket collector and himself.

How do you know all these passengers travelled on the ferry?—How should I know except by counting them?

I want to know how you knew?—Because from where I stood I could see them coming off the gangway.

And you therefore assume that they all came off the boat?—I don't assume, I saw them.

You counted every one of this 121?—Yes. Li Wai, the Chinese detective Sergeant, spoke to counting the Chinese passengers, who totalled 203.

His Worship—Are you sure they all came from the *Southern Star*?—Yes. Quite certain?—Yes.

What makes you so certain?—I actually saw them coming up from the ferry.

Mr. Looker asked—I suppose these 203 came off altogether, in a rush?—No, they came off one after another.

You do not mean to say that they passed you in single file, do you?—I could count them all right.

But they all came up together?—No, one after each other.

Mr. Looker, addressing the Magistrate, pointed out that the case was of considerable importance to the Star Ferry Company, owing to the position which they occupied in being engaged in the passenger trade between Hongkong and Kowloon. It was of great importance to the Company that no alarms should be created in the Press which might lead the public to believe that there was any danger in crossing over in the ferries because of overcrowding. Until the recent train service came into full operation there was never any question of overcrowding, but since it became apparent to the Company that there might be some danger they at once began to count the passengers. That was commenced as far back as January, and on the opening of the new wharf at Kowloon the Company detailed special men to count the passengers as they went aboard, and those men returned a record to the office showing the exact number.

This was done on the particular evening concerned in that charge, and the record showed that the number of first-class passengers on the *Southern Star* was 170, and the number of third class passengers 180; which was below the number they were entitled to carry.

Mr. T. W. Robertson, Superintendent Engineer of the Company, said that recently the Company had taken precautions with regard to the counting of passengers on the evening ferries. This was commenced on 16th January. Special precautions had been taken, and an inspector had been placed on duty to count the third-class passengers as they were going through the gangway. They never allowed more than 300 passengers in all, and if the first-class became over-crowded a proportionate number was turned out of the third class to bring the total down to 300. A record was kept of the passengers each day.

The Magistrate expressed the opinion that the count by the police was a mistaken one; there was a serious possibility of a mistake in the manner in which the count was made. However, the police had carried out what they thought to be their duty, and they had acted quite right in so doing. He discharged the defendant, but at the same time wished to say that he imputed nothing to the police. They had done all they could, and everyone was liable to make a mistake.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PUBLIC.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE “HONGKONG DAILY PRESS.”]

5, Queen's Road Central.
24th April, 1914.

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed space for a few brief comments upon the very unsatisfactory answer of the Government to my fourth question at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council?

The efforts of the Government to supplement the deficiency (which admittedly exists) in numbers in the Staff of Sisters of the Government Civil Hospital have resulted, after a delay of over 9 months, in complete failure.

So far, however, from being disturbed by this result, the Government now deliberately rejects the co-operation in this urgent and important matter of the unofficial members of the Council and of the public whom they represent, and purposely keeps them, so far as possible, in the dark.—Yours faithfully,
H. E. POLLOCK.

SATURDAY HALF-HOLIDAY JUBILEE.

A NATIONAL APPEAL.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE “HONGKONG DAILY PRESS.”]

SIR,—On the occasion of the Jubilee of the Saturday Half-Holiday—an institution which has proved a national asset of incalculable value in maintaining the health and strength of the Empire during the past half-century—it is proposed to hold a Banquet in connection with the raising of a minimum sum of £5,000, required for the furthering of the aims and objects of the Early Closing Association.

Notwithstanding the passing of the Shops Act (which only legalised the half-holiday), thousands of young men and women in our large towns and cities are still working in the shops until 9 and 10 o'clock nightly and until midnight on Saturdays, to the detriment of their health, strength and mental development.

The Duke of Teck, who takes a personal interest in this work, has kindly promised to preside at the Jubilee Banquet on Friday, 8th May, when the names of donors will be announced in the Chairman's List. His Highness will be supported by the Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, Lord Avebury, Lord Henry Cavendish-Bentinck, M.R. (Chairman of the Dinner Committee), the Hon. Harry Lawson, M.P., Sir John Barker, Bart., Alderman Sir Charles Wakefield, C.C., Mr. John Hinds, M.P., and others.

The movement for a half-holiday was not confined to England; it spread rapidly to the Colonies, where the leading cities and towns were not long in showing favour to an institution likely to prove of such benefit to the health and strength of workers. The London Early Closing Association was ever ready with advice, and rendered valuable aid in securing the half-holiday in many parts of the Empire. We therefore ask employers in all parts of the Empire to support this appeal from the Mother Country with a generous contribution, and to arrange for a collection among their employees.

Cheques should be made payable to the Duke of Teck and forwarded to His Highness at 4, Devonshire Place, London, W., marked “E.C.A.” on envelope. Amounts cabled to the Hotel Metropole, London, on May 8th, will also be announced.—Yours faithfully,
HENRY BENTINCK,
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The Tennis League this season comprises the following teams:—Kowloon, Civil Service, Craigengower, European Y.M.C.A., Olympic Chinese Recreation Club and Hongkong University. The games will commence on Saturday next. Dr. Forsyth was elected President, Mr. A. O. Brown Vice-President, and Mr. W. H. Vireash, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer at the recent annual meeting.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

R.M.S. "EMPEROR OF JAPAN."

THE above-mentioned Steamer having arrived from VANCOUVER, VICTORIA and JAPAN PORTS. Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Goods, with the exception of Perishable, Treasure and Valuables, are to be landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co.'s Kowloon Godowns, where delivery can be obtained.

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No Fire Insurance will be effected.

All damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns and this Office notified, when arrangements will be made for examination.

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D. W. CHADDOCK,
General Traffic Agent.

Hongkong, 25th April, 1914. [617]

THE HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS & CHINA OVERLAND TRADE REPORT is now ready and contains:—
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Hongkong, 23rd April, 1914. [619]

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AN IRISH TERRIER DOG, answering to the name of "PAT." Finder will be rewarded on returning to—
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NOTICE.

THE HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the above Club will be held TO-DAY (SATURDAY), 25th April, 1914, at 12.30 P.M., at the Office of the HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB, on the Ground Floor of the HONGKONG CLUB ANNEX, Chester Road.

By Order,

T. F. HOUGH,

Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 11th April, 1914. [548]

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held on TUESDAY, the 28th April, 1914, at 4 o'clock P.M., precisely, in the OLD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROOM, (CITY HALL), for the following purposes:—

(1) To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1913.

(2) To elect a new Committee.

(3) To transact any General Business.

By Order,

E. A. M. WILLIAMS,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th April, 1914. [573]

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a GENERAL MEETING of Members to be held on TUESDAY, the 28th April, 1914, at 4.30 P.M., in the OLD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROOM, CITY HALL, the following Alterations in the By-Laws of the Chamber will be proposed and if carried by a majority of those present, and entitled to vote, will from date replace By-Laws VIII. and X. respectively:—

IN SUBSTITUTION OF VIII.

If the dispute be of such a nature as to, in the opinion of the General Committee, require the service of the Arbitration Committee, each Member thereof shall be entitled to a Fee in addition to a Fee for the Chamber.

The amount of such Fees to be regulated by the Arbitration Committee, according to the importance of the case and the time occupied therein, subject to an appeal to the General Committee, whose decision on the amount shall be final.

IN SUBSTITUTION OF X.

The Arbitration Committee shall appoint its own Chairman and confine its functions to cases where its intervention or advice is required, and on no account shall it proceed with any case unless all the parties subscribe a Bond making the Award a Rule of the Supreme Court.

Printed forms of such Bonds legally prepared shall be kept for the information of Members and other Members of the Public who may have occasion to resort to the Chamber, to Arbitration.

The parties to an Arbitration or Survey need not necessarily be Members of the Chamber, but in cases where neither party is a Member of the Chamber, the General Committee may decline to Arbitrate or hold a Survey.

By Order,

E. A. M. WILLIAMS,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th April, 1914. [574]

THE ASSOCIATION OF EXPORTERS AND DEALERS OF HONGKONG.

NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the ASSOCIATION OF EXPORTERS AND DEALERS OF HONGKONG will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 29th April, 1914, at 4 o'clock P.M., precisely, in the OLD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROOM, (CITY HALL), for the following purposes:—

(1) To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1913.

(2) To elect a new Committee.

(3) To transact any General Business.

By Order,

E. A. M. WILLIAMS,

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Hongkong, 16th April, 1914. [575]

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NOTES AND NEWS.

Sir Charles Santley, who has just passed his eightieth birthday, made his debut so long ago as 1857. He was the first Valentine in Gounod's "Faust" on its first production in England; and also the first singer in England to take the title-role in "The Flying Dutchman."

The announcement that the coronation of the Shah of Persia has been fixed for July 21st is a reminder that at least one European monarch has been content to reign for twenty-six years without any formal crowning. This uncrowned King is the present German Emperor, who succeeded to the Prussian Throne in 1888, and has never yet been crowned.

Sir Edward Grey was once the recipient of a sweeping compliment from Gladstone. Mr. G. W. E. Russell visited the statesman in his retirement, and noted the conversation on past Parliamentary colleagues:—"We reviewed in turn Lord Spencer, Sir William Harcourt, Lord Rosebery, Mr. John Morley, Sir George Trevelyan, and Mr. Asquith." The list ended, Gladstone remarked:—"But you haven't mentioned the most important man of all—Edward Grey, there is the man with the real Parliamentary gift."

It is amusing to compare the business-like way in which *The Times* announced its reduction in price with the grandiloquent language in which it proclaimed its assumption of its present title in 1788. "The Times. What a monstrous name. Granted; for the *Times* is a many-headed monster that speaks with an hundred tongues and displays a thousand characters, and, in the course of its transit in life assumes innumerable shapes and humours." The rest of the article consisted of what we should now call very scurrilous attacks on its rival, having demolished the chief of which it concluded with a fine: "as to the other public prints they appear as having neither heads nor tails."

THE INDUSTRIELLE LOAN.

WHAT BECOMES OF PEKING SECURITIES.

LARGE SCHEME OF REPURCHASE.
A Chinese correspondent of the *N. C. Daily News* writing from Peking on April 14th says:—

The Chinese Government has officially cancelled the concession to the Chinese Tramway Company for the construction of the proposed electric tramways in the capital under the pretext that it has not carried out the conditions imposed by the Government. The concession will shortly be handed over to the French Bank.

The existing Water Works owned by a Chinese Company will be purchased under the pretext of nationalizing them, and then will be handed over to the French for management. The existing Electric Lighting Company which has a charter of sixty years granted by the late T'ao-ching Court will also be purchased by the Government and then handed over to the French lenders.

PEKING NOT A TREATY PORT.
During the last fourteen years, i.e., since the Boxer troubles in North China, foreign merchants of other than French nationality have applied for permission to establish these three institutions, but their requests were invariably refused by the Chinese Government on the ground that Peking is not a treaty port and that foreign subjects could not be permitted to own these industrial enterprises. The Chinese in Peking are now agitating against the action of the Government, though their opposition does not carry weight at a time when all representative bodies have been dissolved.

It is rather curious to note that, upon the news of the nationalization of the Water Works being made known to outsiders, the price of shares has suddenly risen from a little less than \$100 to over \$130 for every \$100 share. The best of these companies is the existing Electric Light Company, which has made some profit for its shareholders during the last few years with the exception of a short period in 1911-1912, when matters were still unsettled.

PROSPECT OF TRAMWAYS IN PEKING.
According to Chinese in Peking, the future prospect of the tramways is not so bright as that of the tramways in Tientsin or Shanghai, the reason alleged being that there are more officials in the capital than merchants, and also that the busiest part of the large city is outside the Chienmen, while in less thickly-populated parts there are about 30,000 rich men the charge for which is much less than it is in Tientsin or Shanghai.

With regard to the Water Works, the company has not made any profit for its shareholders owing partly to mismanagement and partly to the existence of too many private wells, the water of which is sold at a cheaper price than the water of the company.

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"WHITE WOLF'S BRIGANDS."

APPALLING CRUELTY.

SIAMFU, April 16th.
The brigands were defeated at Lichuanhsien on April 15th, by General Chen Pei-shan, commanding 3,000 of the best Shensi troops. The latter reached Sianfu by forced marches from Tung-kawfu last week and left the following day in great spirits westward. Details of the fighting are difficult to obtain, but evidently plundering is the main object of the enemy, who, when they were resolutely resisted, retreated. Several hundred of them were killed, though it is doubtful how many. These belonged to a hundred ridges were recovered. Kienchow was entered and many were killed and wounded, but no details have yet been obtained. The rebels are at present near Tangwangling, which is fifty li to the north-west of Kienchow. Chang Hsing-chih, from Kansu, has occupied the Fenghsianfu and Pingchow districts with 5,000 troops, barring the brigands' progress westwards.

Chao Chow-jen arrived in Sianfu on April 14th, and is leaving to-day for Kienchow, with 5,000 well-equipped and well-disciplined troops. More of his troops are expected shortly, making 12,000 in all. The troops are welcomed by the business men, who now feel more confidence.

Sanyuanhsien is safe. Sianfu is quiet. The situation has greatly improved. Some towns and villages escaped pillage by opening their gates and paying heavy ransoms. Those offering resistance were mercilessly treated. The cruelty of the brigands everywhere is said to be appalling.

Many wounded from the towns and from the country districts are being brought into Sianfu. Some of the

mission doctors have gone to Huihsien and Chowchih.

It is reported that Sanyuanhsien, which is one hundred li North of Sianfu, has been taken and looted.

FRENCH POSSESSIONS IN ASIA.

EXTINCTION OF OLD CONTROVERSIES.

Presiding over a dinner of the "Comité de l'Asie Française" last month, M. Poincaré spoke of the change in French public opinion regarding the Asiatic possessions of the Republic.

The nation, he said, now considered its Asiatic colonies, the foundation of which had been the subject of such violent controversy, as "a piece of its own flesh" and part and parcel of its national inheritance. Where were now the quarrels which had raged over the occupation of Saigon and of Cochinchina? It was difficult now to conceive of the panic which had arisen over the affair of Langson or the sitting of the Chamber when the evacuation of Tonkin had nearly been voted. The interests of the Asiatic Communities extended, however, not only to the regions in the possession of France, but to all those countries where French influence could penetrate. It had co-operated with French diplomacy for the opening of an era of peace in the Levant and for the revival of the prosperity of the Turkish Empire within its new frontiers. It had endeavored to help to secure for all populations, races and religions in that Empire the guarantees of justice and freedom, and to enable France to obtain in Asia Minor, side by side with the other Great European nations, that share of economic advantages to which she had a right by virtue of the importance of her material and moral interest and the ancient character of her traditions.

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REVIEWS.

The Maternal Instinct: A Society Novel.

By ALBERT LAMONT and SIMON CARNE. London: Eveleigh Nash.

In this work the authors set themselves the task of depicting certain features of the life of "the smart set" in London society. The women are mostly selfish and give up to flirtation and frivolity, and the men are little better than puppets or pet poodles. But as the action takes place during the Boer War, some of the men are given an opportunity of showing that even the men of the smart set have inherently good qualities, though these are usually overlaid or kept in the background. It cannot be said that Eileen Forsyth is a lovable character. Doubtless there are many like her in all grades of society, for virtue is not the possession of the lower classes alone; as some modern philosophers and politicians would almost have us believe. There is one delightful character in the book, a Harley Street expert, but he can hardly be drawn from life. The plot is ingenious and some of the situations quite unexpected, but the construction is a trifle mechanical. We cannot help thinking that a false note is struck in the concluding chapter, and anything more absurd than the speech of the Harley Street expert to his audience of one can scarcely be imagined. In so far as it holds the attention of the reader the novel is a good one; but it is far from faultless in construction.

The Way of the Cardinals. By STANLEY

PORTER. Hyatt. London: T. Werner Laurie.

Our first and last thought is that this is a good story badly written. It is impossible to withhold from the author admiration for his virility, his admirable use of his travels, and the people he has met, and even for his prejudices, but he allows his prejudices to influence him just a little too much as a story-teller, and thereby antagonises his reader when he ought to be striving to win his sympathies. It is Mr. Hyatt's honesty, his transparent honesty, that is his undoing, and while we admire him for it, as a man we must say that it operates against him as a novelist. His faults were equally apparent in his earlier books, and he has not shown the improvement we expected from him. Without sacrificing his opinions, where they have been arrived at from experience or by a process of systematic reasoning, he might very well write a better story. What he requires is subtlety. He requires other things if he wishes to take high rank as a novelist, such, for instance, as the artistic touch, a smoother diction, a better co-ordination of events, and easier transition of ideas; if he fails to acquire these qualities or graces he will never do anything better than his "Little Brown Brother."

The hero of this story, a Cardine, is a victim of the morphia habit. He conceives the idea of becoming the Raja of a small island lying somewhere between Singapore and Hongkong. He wishes to emulate Raja Brooke, to whom several references are made in the text. The reason for this is that the island is possessed of a port commanding the ocean highway to the Farther East, one which will neutralise the value of both Singapore and Hongkong. It is coveted by the Germans, and Germany has agents in the British Cabinet, the London Press and on the island working to gain it for them. There is a good deal of nasty suggestion in the story in connection with this political intrigue which we cannot say we like. We have seen as much of our German friends as Mr. Hyatt, and we do not share his prejudices. In the event, a somewhat fantastical expedition is fitted out by Sir Gerald Cardine, it is smiled upon benevolently by the Governor of Singapore, it succeeds in capturing the island from the despicable Raja Ismail, and several equally detestable characters are killed, but all apparently to no purpose, for the island passes eventually into German hands, and the story ends with the representative of the Cardines sailing for England, the accepted lover of his uncle's widow.

There is excellent material for a good story here, and with his Eastern experience Mr. Hyatt might have been expected to make better use of his local knowledge, but he altogether fails to carry conviction. A personal study of the best models in fiction, even of the despised mid-Victorian literature, ought to be made by him before he launches his next book.

An Unfinished Song. By Mrs. GHOSAL (Srimati Svarna Kumari Devi). London: T. Werner Laurie.

In noticing this charmingly simple, little story, we cannot do better than quote the authoress' preface and the introduction of E. M. Lang. Mrs. Ghosal comes of a distinguished Indian family. She is a sister of Rabindra Nath Tagore, a foremost Indian poet of the day, who recently received the Nobel-prize for his services to literature. Her father was a great religious reformer and founder of a society to foster and preserve all that is high and noble in Buddhist custom and tradition. Another of her brothers founded one of the chief Bengali magazines, which, for years, has been conducted by Mrs. Ghosal, who was one of the first Bengali ladies to mix freely in society. Besides her editorial work, she has produced novels and short stories, poems, dramas, farces, and popular scientific text-books for use in schools. She is, in fact, a most interesting personality, whose influence is felt in over-widening circles amongst women in India. This novel deals with life among the Reformed Party of Bengal, the members of which have to some extent adopted western customs. It shows the change that touch with Europe has brought upon the people of India; also that in their inner nature the Hindus are still quite different from western races. The ideals and traits of character that it has taken thousands of years to form are not affected by a mere external change. We have said that the story is a simple one, but its simplicity is largely due to the ability of the authoress, who may be congratulated upon the skill with which she conveys to the English reader the subtle nuances that influence the Indian who is educated on western lines and well-grounded in English literature.

How to Become Efficient. By T. SHARPER Knowlson. London: T. Werner Laurie.

As an introductory study of first principles, we cannot commend Mr. Knowlson's latest book too highly. It is essentially a book for the young man just entering on his life's work; but, on the principle that one is never too old to learn, everyone who wishes to find out the secret of success in life, as measured by the ordinary standards of material progress, should at once obtain a copy and read it and re-read it until its teaching has been unconsciously absorbed. It is not a big book. It is cleverly arranged and is clearly written. As the author says:—"Efficiency knows no frontiers. It is just as important to the private individual as it is to the statesman, and the local councillor can no more ignore it than can the man of business." We can agree with this, but it seems a pity that Mr. Knowlson's teaching does not reach the working classes of England, who probably stand more in need of it than the purely commercial classes, the classes most likely to read his book. It is owing to the pressure of competition in the various walks of life and the shrinkage of profits that men charged with the control of business have been compelled to study more closely the methods in operation in factories and salesrooms. Efficiency is required; however, in every walk of life, and Mr. Knowlson's chapter on "personal efficiency," which he defines as "the avoidance of waste of energy," could be assimilated with advantage, we venture to think, by almost every one of our readers. "It is evident beyond doubt that all the efficiencies of the world have their origin in individual efficiency," so says the author, but it must be heartbreaking to the employee who makes himself efficient to find that his efforts pass unrecognized by his employer. It is certainly shortsighted policy on the part of the management of any concern to display a lack of sympathy and to grant advances grudgingly to those who render themselves efficient. We wish we could detect in Trade Unionism anything that would serve as an incentive to the individual worker to become efficient. The tendency of that movement in recent years has been to restrain individualism, and recent legislation in England follows the same trend. As a counteracting influence, we hope Mr. Knowlson's little book will have as ready a sale in the manufacturing towns of England as we expect it to have in Hongkong.

Chance in Chains: A Story of Monte Carlo.

By Guy THORNTON. London: T. Werner Laurie.

The author of "When it was Dark" has written another rattling good story. Two young electrical engineers, one English and the other French, have discovered a revolutionary theory in wireless telegraphy, but owing to a lack of money they are not in a position to benefit from their discovery. On their way home from the great power station near Gare Mount Parnasse—the story opens in Paris—they lose themselves in a dense fog, and become the guests of two wood-carvers, twins, and this leads to a turn in their fortunes. How the young inventors, with the financial help of the delightful Monte Carlo, and lay the foundation of great careers for themselves, makes pleasant reading, even though the believers in "systems" may not find anything in the story to give them assistance in achieving a like success.

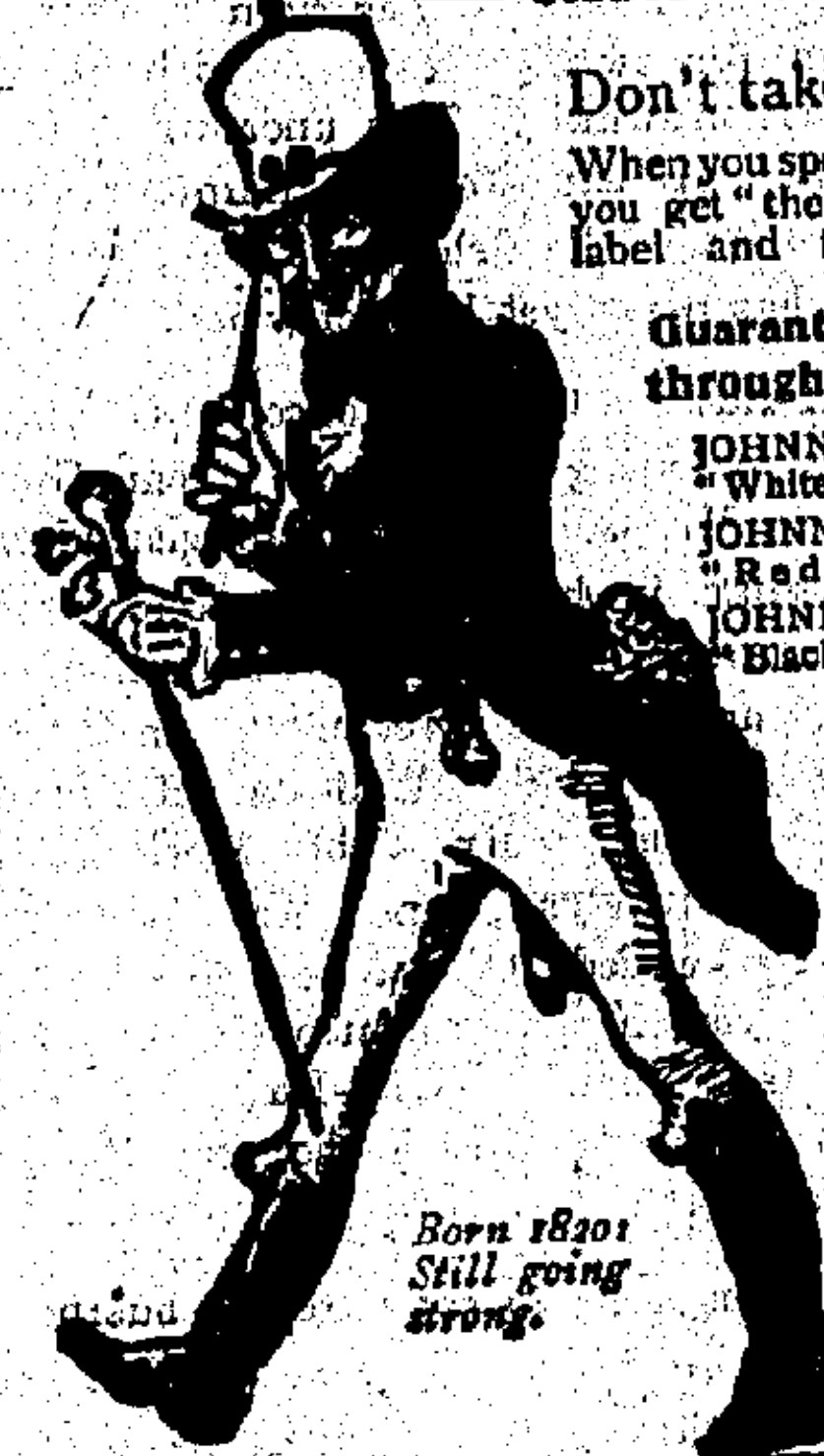
Haunted Highways and Byways. By ELLIOTT O'DONNELL. London: Eveleigh Nash.

Anyone who has a fancy for ghost stories will find in the thirteen episodes set forth in Mr. O'Donnell's book quite enough to satisfy them. There is a cold creepiness about the stories that makes one very uncomfortable if one is at all sensitive, however, and we would not recommend their perusal by anyone who is too readily influenced by abnormal happenings. Mr. O'Donnell has the faculty of writing convincingly, so much so that each episode appears to be real, and therefore all the more likely to upset the equilibrium of the superstitious. It is perhaps a question of temperament or of personal taste, but for our own part, we do not see what good purpose is served by the publication of such specimens of gruesome narration or invention. The ghost story which ends in a laugh or which seeks to dispel the fears of the over-imaginative, we can well understand and appreciate. It is a pity Mr. O'Donnell has not introduced a little of that humour of which his countrymen are supposed to possess a monopoly amongst the English-speaking race. It may be, of course, that it is who lack the sense of humour!

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	Capt. C. C. Talbot, R.N.R.	2nd May	Passage.
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KOBE	* PRINZ WALDEMAR Capt. O. JURANY	6,000	(About Tuesday 28th Apr.)
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BANKS.—Hongkong and Shanghai have again been sold at \$810, and now close on offer at same rate, with sellers in London at \$810 10/.

MARINE INSURANCES.—Unions have been sold at \$700, and more shares can probably be obtained at the figure. Canons are wanted at \$330, with none on offer at the price. North Chinas have buyers at 1/4, and Y. N. Y. close with a nominal quotation of \$810.

FIRE INSURANCES.—China Fires are unchanged with a nominal quotation of \$145. Hongkong Fires have been sold at \$369, and now close with buyers offering \$368.

SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao have changed hands at \$25 1/2, and Douglas are inquired for at \$31. Indo-Chinas have again weakened and are on offer at \$9 1/2 without leading to business. The London quotation is 145/- middle. China and Manilas have had sales at \$81, and Star Ferries close with a nominal quotation of \$43.

OILS.—The "oil" market during the week has been quiet, and prices are slightly easier. The following middle quotations are to hand from our London Agents this morning, viz., Shells 104/4, Ural Caspians 53/9 and Mexican Eagles 37/6.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars are inquired for at \$82, with no business to report, and Luzons remain on offer at \$28, without leading to business.

MINING.—Hawds have been placed at \$3, and Henwoods again close with a nominal quotation of 2/6. Kallans have been sold at 3/4, and are advised from Home as having a middle quotation of 39/4. Irons have local buyers at 33/- and a London middle quotation of 35/-.

DOCKS, WHARVES and GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves have been placed at \$22, with few shares on offer at the rate, Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have again been a quiet market, and close with buyers at \$28. New Amoy Docks are as previously reported, viz., \$83 nominal. Shanghai Docks have led to business at 1/4, and 3/4, and Hongkong Wharves close with a nominal quotation of 1/4.

LANDS, HOTELS and BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Hotels have been inquired for at \$123 1/2, with no shares on offer. Hongkong Lands are wanted at \$111, and Humphreys close with buyers at \$7 1/2. Kowloon Lands are unchanged with a nominal quotation of \$44, and West Points are in demand at \$68 1/2.

COTTON MILLS.—Hongkong Cottons remain on offer at \$8 1/2 with no business to report. Ewos have been placed at 1/4, 1/2, and are still wanted. Kung Yiks have been sold at 1/4, and close with more shares wanted at the rate. Laou Kung Mows have a nominal quotation of 1/4, and Shanghai Cottons are asked for at 1/4, 1/2.

MISCELLANEOUS.—China Borneos are wanted at \$11 1/2, Dairy Farms at \$37, Ices at \$100, and Steam Laundries at \$4. China Lights are on offer at \$4 1/2, China Providents at \$8 1/2, Green Islands at \$8 1/2, Hongkong Electrics at \$46 (ex div.), Hongkong Trams at \$6, Peak Trams (new) at \$3 cents, Waterboats at \$20, and Watsons at \$8. Hongkong Ropes have been placed at \$22. The following close with a nominal quotation, viz., Peak Trams (old) \$10 1/2, and Powells \$9.

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ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER.

The annual meeting of St. Joseph's College Old Boys' Association was held last evening, under the chairmanship of the President of the Association (Mr. H. Dixon).

The Chairman said that one of the new Brother-Directors' first acts after his arrival in Hongkong was to invite the Committee to a round-table conference, and the matter of the proposed Boys' School for Kowloon was discussed. He was disclosing no secret when he informed them that the matter was receiving Bro. Peter's very earnest consideration, and he held out every hope that the Kowloon School would become an accomplished fact before long.

Mr. Henry Dixon was re-elected President, and Mr. F. E. Carvalho Vice-President, and Mr. J. M. Rocha Hon. Treasurer. The Hon. Secretary (Mr. J. P. Braga) announced with regret that owing to the many calls upon his time he could not again accept office. The meeting was reluctant to accept the resignation, and on being pressed to withdraw it, Mr. Braga consented to serve again, provided an Assistant be appointed.

THE DINNER.

The annual dinner of the Association followed, Mr. Henry Dixon presiding. Among the guests were the Chancellor of the Hongkong University (Sir Charles Eliot), Bishop Poon, Professor Salt, Mr. G. de Martin (Education Department), Rev. Fathers P. Gubardi, A. Banchi, Valtorta, D. Page, and A. Crampa, Rev. Brothers Peter, Cornelius, Alphonsus, and Cairnan.

Following the toast of "The Pope and the King," proffered from the chair, Mr. J. GRACA OZORIO proposed "Brothers of the Christian Schools." He expressed his admiration at the self-effacing and self-sacrificing work of the Christian Brothers, and the great debt of gratitude owing to them from both the present and past Collegians.

The BROTHER DIRECTOR of the College, in responding, said the Christian Brothers were a very widely spread body, and he believed they were almost as universal as the Church herself. Associations of that kind always received every encouragement from the education authorities, because such bodies were considered an educational asset, continuing and completing as they did college life and college work. He hoped that they would always be as united as they were that evening, for combination was the one great condition of modern success.

Mr. E. J. NORONHA, proposing the toast of "Our Guests," spoke in the highest terms of the University of Hongkong and its Chancellor, Sir Charles Eliot, and made a glowing reference to the success of British administration, which, he said, had been largely based upon its liberal system of education.

Mr. de MARTIN replied in a witty speech, congratulating the "old boys" on the successful inauguration of this Association, of whose success he had no doubt.

In proposing the toast of "Scouts and Bodyguard," Mr. J. M. NORONHA observed that that was the very first occasion that a toast to the "Boy Scouts and Bodyguard" had ever appeared on a toast-list in Hongkong. To Major Bowen, the Chief Scout, the College owed the existence of the first troop of Boy Scouts in Hongkong, and under officers such as St. Joseph's troop was fortunate enough to possess, the Scout movement, which was only in its infancy in Hongkong, could not fail of success. They would heartily welcome the growth and expansion of the movement so as to include every eligible school in Hongkong.

Major Bowen, the Chief Scout, replied. The Hon. SECRETARY of the Association (Mr. J. P. Braga), at the request of the Chairman, thanked the guests for the honour they had done the Association by their presence at that dinner. Speaking of the Hongkong University, Mr. Braga said he refused to believe in the words of Tennyson, that "every door is barred with gold and opens but to golden keys." He looked forward to the time when the University should have proved beyond cavil its usefulness to the industrial and commercial interests of the port through the foundation of scholarships for the benefit of students domiciled in Hongkong.

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POST OFFICE NOTICE.

The *Empress of Japan*, with the CANADIAN MAIL, left Shanghai on Wednesday, the 22nd inst., at 5 p.m., and is due to arrive here to-day.

The *Korea*, with the AMERICAN MAIL, is scheduled to arrive here on Saturday, the 2nd May.

On and after 1st May the new Sai Ying Pun Branch Post Office, situated in the Sanitary Department Office, Pokfulam Road, will be opened for the transaction of business, viz.—Sale of Stamps, Registration, &c.

The Office hours will be, week days 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sundays and Holidays 8 to 9 a.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. The University Branch Post Office will cease to do business on 1st May.

Chinese Registered Correspondence will not be delivered on a signature only. The Chop of a firm of standing will in each case be required in addition. The Postmen have instructions not to part with any registered article until the above regulation has been complied with.

FOR	PER	DATE
Hollow and Tourane	Triumph ...	Saturday, 25th, 8.00 A.M.
*Straits, *Batavia, *Ceylon, *Samarang,	Bani Maru	Saturday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
*Sourabaya and *Tegal ...	Mathilda	Saturday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
Haiphong and Pakhoi ...		
PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, JAPAN via	Hongkong Maru	Saturday, 25th, 5.00 P.M.
NAGASAKI, HONOLULU, "UNITED STATES," SOUTH AMERICA and "CANADA" via SAN FRANCISCO		Registration on Friday, the 24th inst. 9.00 A.M.
*Straits	Colonial ...	Saturday, 25th, 10.00 A.M.
STRAITS, BURMAH, CEYLON, ADELPHI, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEK, EGYPT, and EUROPE via BRINDISI (Late Letters 11.00 to Noon, Extra Postage 10 cents).		Saturday, 25th, 10.00 A.M.
(Supplementary on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents.)		
(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this consignment mail) ...		
Philippine Islands	Loongang ...	Saturday, 25th, 1.00 P.M.
*Straits and *India via *Calcutta	Onseng	Saturday, 25th, 1.00 P.M.
*Straits, *Ceylon and *India via *Bombay	Annan Maru	Saturday, 25th, 5.00 P.M.
*Cebu	M. S. Della	Saturday, 25th, 5.00 P.M.
*Shanghai, and *North China	Wuchang ...	Saturday, 25th, 5.00 P.M.
*Tientsin, *Japan via *Moji, *Victoria, B.C., *Vancouver, *Seattle and *Portland	Hoerde ...	Saturday, 25th, 5.00 P.M.
*Swatow, *Shanghai and *North China	Hangsang	Saturday, 25th, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai and *North China (EUROPE VIA SIBERIA) ...	Yingchow	Saturday, 25th, 5.00 P.M.
(To make connection with the Taipeu train leaving Shanghai on Thursday, the 30th inst., at 8 p.m.)		

Swatow	Haimun	Sunday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.
*Swatow, Amoy, and Formosa via Tamsui	Darwin Maru	Sunday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.
Pakhoi and Haiphong	Hanoi	Monday, 27th, 5.00 P.M.
*Shanghai, *North China and *Japan via *Kobe	Laiyang	Monday, 27th, 5.00 P.M.
*Shanghai and *North China	Wosang	Monday, 27th, 5.00 P.M.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, STRAITS, BURMAH, CEYLON, ADELPHI, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEK, EGYPT and EUROPE via NAPLES	Princess Alice	Tuesday, 28th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Princess Alice	Tuesday, 28th, 9.00 A.M.
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Shanghai, *North China, Japan via Nagasaki, *Victoria, B.C., and *Tacoma	Princess Alice	Tuesday, 28th, 9.00 A.M.
To make connection with the Dalny steamer leaving Shanghai on Monday, the 4th May.	Princess Alice	Tuesday, 28th, 9.00 A.M.

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COMMERCIAL

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

April 24th.

ON LONDON.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	1/11 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	1/11 1/2
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	1/11 1/2
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	1/11 1/2
Credits, at 4 months' sight	1/11 1/2
Documentary Bills 4 months' sight	1/11 1/2
ON PARIS.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	244 1/2
Credits, at 4 months' sight	245 1/2
ON GERMANY.—	
On demand	198 1/2
ON NEW YORK.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	47 1/2
Credits, at 60 days' sight	48 1/2
ON HONGKONG.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	144 1/2
Bank, on demand	145
ON CALCUTTA.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	144 1/2
Bank, on demand	145
ON SHANGHAI.—	
Bank, at sight	73 1/2
Private, 30 days' sight	74 1/2
ON YOKOHAMA.—	
On demand—Pence	95 1/2
ON SINGAPORE.—	
On demand	83 1/2
ON BATAVIA.—	
On demand	117 1/2
ON HAIKONG.—	
On demand	3 1/2 p.m.
ON SAIGON.—	
On demand	79 1/2
ON BANGKOK.—	
On demand	79 1/2
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	\$10.20
Gold LEAF, 100 fine, per tael	\$53.70
BAR SILVER, per oz.	26 1/2

SUBSIDIARY COINS.

Hongkong, 20 cents pieces	per cent.
Hongkong, 10 "	\$ 7.50 discount.
Hongkong, 10 "	\$ 9.03 "

SHARE LIST—QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, 24th APRIL, 1914.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS CASH.	RETURN ON BASIS OF LAST DIV'D.
BANKS.—					
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	(\$810, sellers; \$782, buyers)	5 1/2 p.c.
China Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	all	\$11 1/2, buyers	8 1/2 p.c.
China Light and Power Company, Ltd.	50,000	\$5	all	\$4.10, sellers	
China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$10	all	\$9 1/2, sellers	7 1/2 p.c.
Corro's Mills	20,000	Ts. 50	all	Ts. 125, all.	
East Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$10	all	\$9 1/2, sellers	
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	40,000	\$7 1/2	all	\$7, buyers	5 p.c.
Dairy Farm Company, Limited					
DOCK AND WHARVES.—					
H'kong & Kowloon Wharf & G. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	\$52, sales	5 p.c.
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$53, buyers	3 p.c.
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited	10,000	\$5	all	\$5 1/2, sales	7 1/2 p.c.
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Ts. 100	all	Ts. 58, sales	
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co., Ltd.	36,000	Ts. 100	all	Ts. 94	
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	400,000	\$10	all	\$6 1/2, sellers	4 p.c.
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	all	\$12 1/2, buyers	5 p.c.
Hongkong Hotel Company Limited	20,000	\$50	all	\$52, buyers	
Manila Metropolitan Hotel, Limited	15,000	Ps. 10	all	\$130, buyers	5 1/2 p.c.
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	\$25	all	\$22, sales	9 1/2 p.c.
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$10	all	\$2	
H'kong & South China Steam Fishers Co., Ltd.	15,000	\$10	all	\$10	
Hongkong Steel Foundry Co., Ltd.	15,000	\$10	all	\$16, sellers	
Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd.	325,000	\$5	all	\$4 1/2, buyers	
INSURANCES.—					
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$330, buyers	6 p.c.
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$145	6 1/2 p.c.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$350, buyers	7 1/2 p.c.
Hongkong Marine Insurance Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$15	\$5	Ts. 145, buyers	
North China Insurance Co., Limited	12,400	\$250	\$100	\$790, sellers	6 1/2 p.c.
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$50	\$110, buyers	
Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd.					
LAND AND BUILDINGS.—					
H'kong Land Investment Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	all	\$111, buyers	6 1/2 p.c.
Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd.	25,000	\$100	all	\$75, buyers	
Hongkong Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$10	all	\$7 1/2, buyers	5 1/2 p.c.
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	all	\$54, buyers	7 p.c.
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd.	78,000	Ts. 50	all	Ts. 91, buyers	
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$50	all	\$68 1/2, buyers	5 1/2 p.c.
Maatschappij tot Exploitatie van Landbouwgrond in Langkat	250,000	Gds. 10	all	Ts. 45 1/2, buyers	
MISCELLANEOUS.—					
Chinese Engineering and M. Co., Ltd.	1,000,000	\$1	all	\$9 1/2, sales	
Heaswood Tin and Rubber Estate, Ltd.	20,000	\$1	all	\$2 1/2	
Ranch Australia Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$1	all	\$7, buyers	
Troun Mine, Limited	160,000	\$1	all	\$3 1/2, buyers	
Peak Tramways Co., Limited	25,000	\$100	\$10	\$1040	7 1/2 p.c.
Philippine Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	\$1	\$93 1/2, buyers	
Pulpes et Papeteries du Tonkin Societe des	75,000	\$10	\$1	\$5	
RAFFINERIES.—					
China Sugar Refining Co., Limited	12,000	\$100	all	\$82, buyers	3 p.c.
Luen Seng Refining Co., Limited	7,000	\$100	all	\$28	
STRAITS SHIP CORP.—					
China and Malacca Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$25	all	\$31, buyers	5 p.c.
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$50	all	\$51, buyers	7 1/2 p.c.
H'kong, Canton & Malacca S.S. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	all	\$23 1/2, sales	6 p.c.
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$10	all	\$6 1/2, buyers	3 1/2 p.c.
Shanghai and Canton S.S. Co., Ltd.	25,000	\$10	all	\$10 1/2, buyers	
Star Ferry Company, Limited	40,000	\$10	all	\$10 1/2, buyers	
South China Wharf and Dock Co., Limited	6,000	\$10	all	\$4 1/2, buyers	
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	\$10	all	\$10 1/2, buyers	
SWOON & CO.—					
Powell, Wm., Limited	15,000	\$10	all	\$8 1/2	4 p.c.
Watson & Co. A. S. Limited	40,000	\$10	all	\$8, sellers	
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	all	\$20, sellers	5 1/2 p.c.

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Chinese Imperial 1886	Ts. 787,200.	Ts. 250	7% p. annum	Par.

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TO-DAY

Noon—William Powell, Ltd., Extraordinary General Meeting.	4 p.m.—Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting in the OH Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall.
12.30 p.m.—Hongkong Jockey Club Half-Yearly Meeting.	
4 p.m.—Cinema at the Theatre Royal.	

TO-NIGHT

9.15 p.m.—Cinema at the Theatre Royal.	4 p.m.—The Association of Exporters and Dealers of Hongkong Annual General Meeting in the OH Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall.
9.15 p.m.—A Subscription Dance at the Peak Club.	

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Monday, 27th April—	Thursday, 14th May—
3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at Kennedy Road, by Public Works Dept.	11.30 a.m.—Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd. Meeting of Shareholders.



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